



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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Charlie Buckels, Treasurer
Republican Party of Louisiana
11440 North Lake Sherwood Ave.
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

Response Due Date:
September 17, 2007

Identification Number: C00187450

Reference: Amended Year End Report (11/28/06-12/31/06), Received 2/19/07

Dear Mr. Buckels:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Schedule D supporting Line 10 of your report discloses "Negotiated settlement"/apparent forgiven debts totaling \$18,981.00 owed to "Baton Rouge Marriott (Formerly the B.R. Hilton/Davidson), Thomas Graphics, Targeted Creative "Communicatio", and Jamestown Associates", which appear to be corporations. Please be advised that a forgiven debt owed to a corporate entity constitutes a receipt to the committee. 2 U.S.C. §441b(a) prohibits the receipt of contributions from corporations unless made from a separate segregated fund established by the corporation.

If any apparently prohibited contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any transfer-out or refund. In addition, any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report covering the period during which the transaction was made.

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Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of a prohibited contribution, prompt action by your committee to transfer-out or refund the amount will be taken into consideration.

-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule **B** supporting Line(s) **21(b)** of your report to clarify the following description(s): **"OUTREACH PARTY BUILDING"**. For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

-Schedule D discloses that the debt(s) owed to **"Baton Rouge Marriott (Formerly the B.R. Hilton/Davidson), Bauer for President, Thomas Graphics, Targeted Creative "Communicatio", and Jamestown Associates"**, apparently have been settled (**"Negotiated settlement"**). Please note that Commission regulations (11 CFR Part 116) control the settlement of debts between political committees and their creditors. You should be aware that **only** terminating committees are permitted to settle debts. However, **ongoing committees may request a determination from the Commission that a debt is not payable. 11 CFR §116.2(b)**

If your committee is terminating, you must complete the enclosed Debt Settlement Plan (FEC FORM 8).

If your committee is ongoing, you may submit a request to the Commission which explains the circumstances, in detail, surrounding a debt(s) which you consider as not payable.

In either case, you must continue to report the debt(s) until you have been notified of the Commission's approval of your debt settlement plan or request. **11 CFR §104.11**

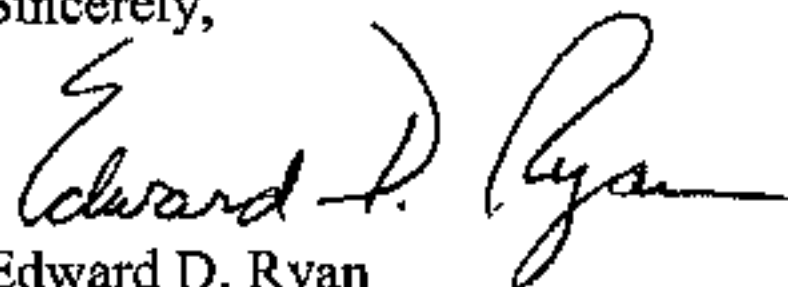
Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather

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than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1144.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward D. Ryan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "R".

Edward D. Ryan
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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DEBT SETTLEMENT PLAN

NAME OF COMMITTEE

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE

FEC ID. NUMBER

PART I — COMMITTEE SUMMARY INFORMATION

1. CASH ON HAND AS OF _____

6. TOTAL AMOUNT OF DEBTS OWED BY THE COMMITTEE

2. TOTAL ASSETS TO BE LIQUIDATED

7. TOTAL NUMBER OF CREDITORS OWED

3. TOTAL (ADD 1 AND 2)

8. NUMBER OF CREDITORS IN PART II OF THIS PLAN

4. YEAR TO DATE RECEIPTS

9. TOTAL AMOUNT OF DEBTS OWED TO THE CREDITORS
IN PART II OF THIS PLAN

5. YEAR TO DATE DISBURSEMENTS

10. TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE PAID TO CREDITORS IN PART II
OF THIS PLAN

11. IS THE COMMITTEE TERMINATING ITS ACTIVITIES?

☐ YES ☐ NO

IF YES, WHEN DOES THE COMMITTEE EXPECT TO FILE A TERMINATION REPORT? IF NO, COMMITTEE IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO FILE A DEBT SETTLEMENT PLAN (SEE INSTRUCTIONS).

12. IF THIS IS AN AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE, DOES THE CANDIDATE HAVE OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES?

☐ YES ☐ NO

IF YES, LIST BELOW.

13. DOES THE COMMITTEE HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO PAY THE TOTAL AMOUNT INDICATED IN THIS PLAN?

☐ YES ☐ NO

IF NO, WHAT STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO OBTAIN THE FUNDS?

14. HAS THE COMMITTEE FILED PREVIOUS DEBT SETTLEMENT PLANS?

☐ YES ☐ NO

15. AFTER DISPOSING OF ALL THE COMMITTEE'S DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS, WILL THERE BE ANY RESIDUAL FUNDS?

☐ YES ☐ NO

IF YES, HOW WILL THE FUNDS BE DISBURSED?

I certify, to the best of my knowledge, that the information contained in this Debt Settlement Plan is true, correct and complete.

SIGNATURE OF
TREASURER OF
COMMITTEE

DATE

FEC FORM 8

(Revised 1/2001)

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DEBT SETTLEMENT PLAN

PART II

NAME OF COMMITTEE	FEC I.D. NUMBER	PAGE	OF
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CREDITOR SUMMARY INFORMATION (FILL OUT FOR EACH CREDITOR IN PLAN)

FULL NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF CREDITOR	DATE INCURRED	AMOUNT OWED TO CREDITOR	AMOUNT OFFERED IN SETTLEMENT

TYPE OF CREDITOR:

☐ INCORPORATED COMMERCIAL VENDOR ☐ UNINCORPORATED COMMERCIAL VENDOR ☐ CANDIDATE ☐ COMMITTEE EMPLOYEE ☐ OTHER INDIVIDUAL

A. TERMS OF THE INITIAL EXTENSION OF CREDIT AND NATURE OF THE DEBT

B. EFFORTS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE TO PAY THE DEBT

C. STEPS TAKEN BY THE CREDITOR TO COLLECT THE DEBT

CREDITOR SECTION (TO BE FILLED OUT BY CREDITOR)

D. WAS THE EFFORT MADE BY THE CREDITOR TO COLLECT THE DEBT SIMILAR TO OTHER DEBT COLLECTION EFFORTS AGAINST NONPOLITICAL DEBTORS?

☐ YES ☐ NO IF NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN

E. ARE THE TERMS OF THE DEBT SETTLEMENT COMPARABLE TO OTHER SETTLEMENTS MADE BY THE CREDITOR WITH OTHER NONPOLITICAL DEBTORS?

☐ YES ☐ NO IF NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN

As a representative of the creditor, I hereby accept the settlement offer made to me by the committee and upon payment agree to consider the debt satisfied (or attach a copy of the signed settlement).

SIGNATURE OF
CREDITOR OR
REPRESENTATIVE

DATE

DEBT SETTLEMENT PLAN

PART III

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LIST REMAINING DEBTS

A. FULL NAME, MAILING ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE OF CREDITOR	AMOUNT OWED TO CREDITOR	AMOUNT EXPECTED TO PAY/OFFER
<p>TYPE OF CREDITOR: <input type="checkbox"/> INCORPORATED COMMERCIAL VENDOR <input type="checkbox"/> UNINCORPORATED COMMERCIAL VENDOR <input type="checkbox"/> CANDIDATE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> COMMITTEE EMPLOYEE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER INDIVIDUAL</p> <p>IS THIS A DISPUTED DEBT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>		
<p>B. FULL NAME, MAILING ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE OF CREDITOR</p>	AMOUNT OWED TO CREDITOR	AMOUNT EXPECTED TO PAY/OFFER
<p>TYPE OF CREDITOR: <input type="checkbox"/> INCORPORATED COMMERCIAL VENDOR <input type="checkbox"/> UNINCORPORATED COMMERCIAL VENDOR <input type="checkbox"/> CANDIDATE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> COMMITTEE EMPLOYEE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER INDIVIDUAL</p> <p>IS THIS A DISPUTED DEBT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>		
<p>C. FULL NAME, MAILING ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE OF CREDITOR</p>	AMOUNT OWED TO CREDITOR	AMOUNT EXPECTED TO PAY/OFFER
<p>TYPE OF CREDITOR: <input type="checkbox"/> INCORPORATED COMMERCIAL VENDOR <input type="checkbox"/> UNINCORPORATED COMMERCIAL VENDOR <input type="checkbox"/> CANDIDATE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> COMMITTEE EMPLOYEE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER INDIVIDUAL</p> <p>IS THIS A DISPUTED DEBT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>		
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DOES THE COMMITTEE HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO PAY THE REMAINING AMOUNTS TO BE PAID OR OFFERED?

☐ YES ☐ NO IF NO, WHAT STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO OBTAIN THE FUNDS?

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